

Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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RECREATIONAL RED SNAPPER FISHERY IN GULF OF MEXICO FEDERAL WATERS WILL CLOSE AT 12:01 A.M., LOCAL TIME, NOVEMBER 1, 2005

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the recreational fishery for red snapper in Gulf of Mexico federal waters will close at 12:01 a.m., local time, on November 1, 2005. The recreational fishery will remain closed until 12:01 a.m., local time, January 1, 2006.

During the closure, the possession of red snapper taken from the EEZ is prohibited.

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